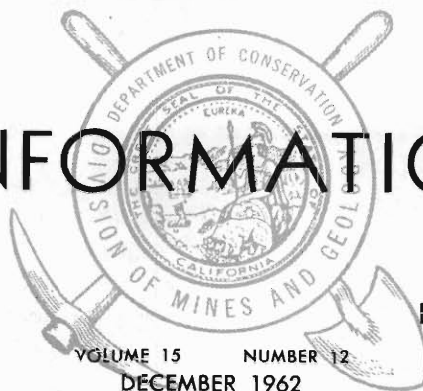


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DIVISION OF MINES AND GEOLOGY

The Division's branch offices

A message from the Chief

The Division of Mines and Geology maintains, in addition to the main office in San Francisco, three branch offices—one each at Redding, Sacramento, and Los Angeles. Not all of our friends and patrons are aware of the location and services of these three additional divisional units. All of the three offices have the Division's publications for sale over the counter (but mail orders for publications are handled by the main office in the Ferry Building, San Francisco); all of them have geologists on hand to give assistance on technical questions. The branch offices are better equipped to assist with certain problems than is the headquarters office. For example, information on the various areas served by the three branches, or special data on certain mineral commodities on which members of the branch staffs are expert, are better dealt with by the branch staffs.

Following are sketches of the various branch offices, including their personnel and projects. — Ed.

LOS ANGELES BRANCH OFFICE

The Los Angeles office is the largest of the three branch offices of the Division of Mines and Geology and is the only office south of the Division headquarters in San Francisco. The office is staffed by seven geologists whose area of responsibility includes 12 counties comprising 70,662 square miles of the 158,693 in the state. The extent and number of projects shown on the accompanying map demonstrate that this office is primarily field-oriented.

The present staff of the Los Angeles office consists of geologists Bennie W. Troxel, Clifton H. Gray, Jr. George B. Cleveland, F. Harold Weber, Paul K. Morton, Richard B. Saul and Robert Streitz. The stenographers are Beatrice L. Reynolds and Elizabeth W. Clark.

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Ring Out the Old, Ring in the New! This old refrain is particularly appropriate, for, as the Division of Mines and Geology reflects on the year about to conclude and looks forward to the new year coming, there is occasion for rejoicing.

1962 has seen our first full year of operations under our expanded name, "Division of Mines and Geology". On an earlier occasion we in the Division had critically asked ourselves, "What's in a name?" and had agreed that this was of minor significance in comparison to deeds and accomplishments. Nevertheless, it deserves to be noted that, whether under the stimulus of a name which now more aptly defines the Division's responsibilities which have included the Geologic Map of California—long one of the Division's principal tasks or for other reasons, the Division accomplished a good deal in terms of the study of mineral resources and of the geology of the State in 1962.

1962 saw one more sheet (Chico) of the Geologic Map of California published, and one—Redding—in press, while four more were nearing completion and should be published by the end of the fiscal year.

1962 saw publication of the first of the Division's new County Report series—this volume is a monographic treatment of the mines and mineral resources of Kern County which has now for a number of years been California's leading county in mineral production. Reports on Calaveras and San Diego Counties are in press.

1962 saw completion of the Division's first project on large scale urban mapping (a co-operative project

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